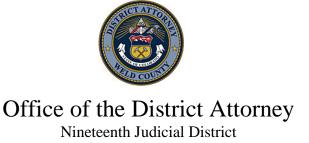
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Re: Raehal, Bradford Steven (12CR424 & 12CR506)

Habitual sex offender sentenced to 112.5 years to life for repeated sexual assaults on young boys

Greeley, CO –On Friday, January 23, 2015, Judge Shannon Lyons sentenced Bradford Steven Raehal (DOB: 3/16/67) to 112.5 years to life in the Department of Corrections after a hearing to determine whether he met the criteria of habitual sex offender against children. Raehal was convicted in September, 2014 by a Weld County jury of two counts of Sexual Assault on a Child by One in a Position of Trust – Victim Less Than Fifteen – Pattern of Abuse, class three felonies, two counts of Sexual Assault on a Child—Pattern of Abuse, class three felonies and two counts of Sexual Exploitation of Children, one a class three felony, and one a class six felony.

Officers from the Greeley Police Department initially contacted Raehal after being dispatched to check on the welfare of unsupervised neighborhood children. Further investigation revealed that Raehal, a previously convicted sex offender, had been living with the family of two of the young boys, and had been sexually assaulting one of those boys, and another unrelated boy, for an extended period of time.

Raehal was convicted of sexually assaulting the two boys, ages 11 and 14, multiple times over the course of approximately one year. Raehal was an over-the-road truck driver, and many of the assaults occurred in his tractor trailer. Raehal took photographs during some of the assaults, and those deleted photographs were recovered from his camera. Both boys said that Raehal forged a relationship with them by buying them gifts and taking them places for entertainment.

Deputy District Attorney Manuel Pellicer prosecuted the case.

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